

# Mid-Rivers COMMUNICATIONS



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RE: Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Mr. DelNero:

Pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's *Open Internet Order*<sup>1</sup> Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., hereby notifies the Bureau of its intention to cease offering broadband only Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective February 1, 2017. As such, the transmission component will only be provided as part of the complete broadband only Internet access service.

The FCC made clear in the *Rate-of-Return Connect America Fund Order*<sup>2</sup>, as well as the *Clarification Order*<sup>3</sup>, that a rate-of-return carrier could make the offering described above, and thus the revenues associated with the broadband only Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to the federal universal service fund assessment pursuant to FCC Form 499-A.

This notice is effective sixty (60) days from the date of this letter February 1, 2017, unless withdrawn or extended prior to that time.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Candelaria  
General Manager/CEO

<sup>1</sup> Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶ 460 & n. 1378 (2015).

<sup>2</sup> Connect America fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., Report & Order, Order & Order on Reconsideration & Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 428 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> Connect America Fund, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel. Jun. 15, 2016) (citing the Open Internet Order).